GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DROUHT IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a report to the UnionGovernment in which it has expressed concern at the drought like conditions in 900 mandals of the State;

(b) if so, whether a detailed report in this regard forwarded to the Centre in July, 2001; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that parts of the Statehave been affected by drought due to deficient rainfall. The State Government hadrecently submitted a Memorandum seeking Central assistance in the wake of drought. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the State from 6th to 9th August, 2001 forassessment of the situation. Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for 2001-02 amounting to Rs. 77.985 crores have so far been released to the State for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. Further, 3 lakh MTs of rice, free of cost, have been made available to the State for undertaking Food for Work Programme in the affected areas.